

REAL ESTATE VALUES RAPIDLY ON INCREASE

Scarcity of Houses May Cause Perplexing Problem For Columbia.

HOMES IN DEMAND One House Sold Last Week For \$1,000 More Than In Last November.

The value of Columbia property is going up by leaps, according to real estate dealers.

By next August, said one dealer today, there will not be a good house left vacant in Columbia and scarcely any poor ones.

"One house sold last week for \$1,000 more than it did last November," said another dealer.

"I've got more buyers than I have places to sell," said another. "About the time I get a buyer in the notion to taking a place the owner raises his price a few hundred," said a third.

Since building material is high, dealers do not look for much building to be done this spring. Instead, they expect a lively selling and reselling of houses with prices going higher and higher.

The climax is expected to come next August when the buying season opens in full swing. It has been predicted that houses now renting for \$8 and \$15 a month will then be rented for \$20 or \$30, if there are any to be had at any price.

One dealer placed the number of vacant houses in Columbia at not more than twenty and most of these are either in undesirable locations or are undesirable houses for other reasons.

"Somebody has got to build," he said, "but who is going to do it. Houses are being sold out from under renters who have their businesses in Columbia and cannot leave. Even if they cared to leave, where could they go, since there is a shortage of houses everywhere."

If the government has its way it will send 500 more wounded soldiers here next fall to enter the College of Agriculture. They must live somewhere. Columbia people may open their homes to them for the school year as they did to the farmers during Farmers' Week. However the real estate dealers do not think so, since there is a big difference between accommodating strangers for a week and for a school year.

KOLCHAK EXECUTED?

Dispatch Confirms Report of Former Anti-Red Leader's Death.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Dispatches to the Central News confirm the report that Admiral Kolchak, the former head of the all-Russian anti-Bolshevik movement, and his premier were shot at Irkutsk, February 7, following conviction by a military court composed of their own troops.

DISCUSS TEACHERS' PAY School Superintendents Meet in Jefferson City.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 13.—Missouri school superintendents went into annual session here today considering salaries and other questions concerning teachers.

State Superintendent Baker in the principal address urged the adoption of a constitutional amendment permitting rural schools to vote a 100 per cent evaluation and also an amendment creating a 25 per cent tax for schools.

JAMES BERGER BULLARD, DEAD Farmer of Near Ashland Survived by Several Children.

James Berger Bullard, 73 years old, of Ashland died at his home one and one-half miles south of Ashland at 2 o'clock this morning. Mr. Berger had not been ill and his death was unexpected. He was a farmer.

The Rev. S. S. Kieth will conduct services at the home at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Burial will be in the New Salem cemetery. Mr. Bullard is survived by several children.

DR. R. J. KERNER REJECTS OFFER Government Tries Again to Get Him for Economic Counsel.

Dr. R. J. Kerner of the history department has declined the offer which was made by the state department to become an economic counsel in southeastern Europe. Since Professor Kerner's decision to remain with the University was made, he has received further inducement to accept the position abroad. It is not known whether the increased offer will be accepted.

"The Walls Around Us." The subject of Dean Walter Williams' Bible class lecture at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the Broadway Odeon will be "The Walls Around Us."

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Partly cloudy and considerably colder tonight. Saturday generally fair and colder; temperature about 30 Saturday morning.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy and colder tonight, much colder northwest portion. Saturday generally fair and colder.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be about 12 north; 20 east and south, and 18 west.

Weather Conditions. The Gulf of Mexico disturbance has moved northeast to North Carolina, and has given quite heavy rains from Louisiana to Florida thence north to Maryland, and some sleet or snow toward New York. The Northwest disturbance is central in Iowa, and snow has been general in the upper Mississippi Valley and in most of the territory north of the Missouri. West of the Mississippi and south of the Missouri fair weather has prevailed.

The weather is much colder in the upper Missouri drainage area but elsewhere moderate conditions still obtain; much colder weather, however, will obtain in the Plains and lower Missouri Valley by Saturday morning.

The Missouri highways are in fair condition. Generally fair and rather cold weather will prevail over Saturday.

Local Data. The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 43; and the lowest last night was 35. Precipitation 0.00. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 63 and the lowest was 37. Precipitation 0.25. Sun rose today 7:03 a. m. Sun sets 5:44 p. m. Moon rises 2:22 a. m.

NOW CITY OF 12,000?

Columbia Census Reports Expected to Show Growth by 2,000 Increase.

When all the noses have been counted for the city of Columbia and statistics have been made public, indications are that Columbia's official population will be in the neighborhood of 12,000 persons or 2,000 more than enumerated at the last government census. Official figures will not be available until reports of the enumerators have been audited in Washington.

S. O. Pancoast, special enumerator for Columbia, says that since last Tuesday thirty-three names have been added to the list previously turned in by the enumerators. He thinks there are yet names to be added to the list.

Everyone who has not been enumerated should call Mr. Pancoast at 1292 Black. Some Columbians regard enumeration of every resident in the city as a matter of civic pride. Persons who have not been counted are asked to report to Mr. Pancoast at once.

FARM TEACHERS TO CONFERENCE Association of Land Grant Colleges to Meet in Iowa.

The American Association of Land Grant Colleges has called a conference of extension workers of the middle western states for February 18 and 19 in Des Moines, Ia. The conference expects to bring together the leaders of Boys' and Girls' Club work, county agent work, and home demonstration work.

The University will be represented at the conference by P. H. Ross, county agent leader; R. H. Emberson and Miss Addie D. Root, Boys' and Girls' Club leaders; Miss Carrie L. Pancoast, home demonstration leader; Miss Essie M. Hyle, extension associate professor of home economics, and A. J. Meyer, director of agricultural extension work.

Mr. Ross will address the meeting on the subject of "How Men and Women May Work on a Joint County Extension Program." Miss Pancoast will speak on "The Development and Execution of Community and County Programs of Work." Mr. Meyer will give a talk on "Supervision of Extension Agents," and Miss Root will speak on "Supervision of the Field Work of County Club Leaders."

STEAMER HAVANDALE DISABLED U. S. Shipping Board Instructs Ships to Watch for Drifting Vessel.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Wireless messages have been sent broadcast by the United States Shipping Board instructing ships to keep on the watch for the steamer Havandale, reported to be drifting yesterday. Her engines became disabled about 165 miles southeast of Nantucket, it is reported.

The radio station received a wireless yesterday from the Havandale asking immediate aid, as the steamship had little fuel for heat and light and the food supplies were running low.

A wireless call from the William Henry Mitchell was received here. She is on her maiden journey from Philadelphia to New York.

DR. HUME BURIED TOMORROW Funeral Will Be Held at Christian Church at 2 o'clock.

The funeral of Dr. Charles Hume, who died at his home in Kansas City Wednesday, will be held at the Christian Church in this city at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The body was brought here Wednesday night and taken to the home of Mrs. H. C. Malo. Doctor Hume was 56 years old. He attended the University of Missouri and was graduated from the New York medical college. He formerly made his home in Columbia. Besides his wife, two children survive. Pneumonia was the cause of his death.

INTERNATIONAL COURT MAY BE APPOINTED

Elihu Root Mentioned For Place Even Though U. S. Not In League.

NEW GERMAN NOTE Council of Finance Ministers Called to Consider International Exchange.

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The council of the League of Nations is considering the appointment of eleven jurists of international repute to compose a committee for an international court of justice. Elihu Root has been mentioned as a possible selection.

Root's name was urged, it was said, regardless whether the United States becomes a member of the League or not.

The council met in secret session and re-affirmed Switzerland's neutrality, making this a precedent it was stated, for the United States not entering into any European war which she does not wish to enter.

By ED L. KEENE (United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The council of premiers was to take up Turkish and Adriatic questions today. Consideration of these will probably last several days, it is believed, after which the council will adjourn to the permanent headquarters in Paris.

The premiers considered also today the German attitude with regard to delivering the war guilty, and decided to send a new note to Germany on this subject. The question of the extradition of the former kaiser was also considered.

It was decided to call a council of ministers of finance from every Allied nation to consider the conditions of international exchange. Some believed such a council will be called immediately.

American representatives have not attended the council meetings, it was learned.

Adriatic Dispute Settled. By United Press.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—Telegrams received at the Jugo-Slav delegation in Paris from Belgrade said the Jugo-Slav political leaders have reached an agreement with Italy over the Adriatic disputes.

PRESIDENT APPOINTS

William Phillips Is Chosen as Minister to Netherlands — Payne to Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—William Phillips, assistant secretary of state, is President Wilson's choice as minister to the Netherlands, it was authoritatively stated at the White House today.

Recommends Payne and Johnson. By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The nominations of John Barton Payne to be Secretary of the Interior and Robert Underwood Johnson to be ambassador to Italy were sent to the Senate today.

200 TICKETS SELL IN HOUR Dramatic Production February 18 Has Promise of Large Attendance.

Two hundred tickets for the four one-act plays which the Dramatic Club will give February 18 were gone within an hour after they went on sale this afternoon at the University Co-operative store. Forty tickets were sold to Christian College girls.

The Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Nu, and Phi Kappa Psi fraternities will have line parties as will the Chi Omega and Phi Mu sororities. The Dramatic Arts Club, composed of faculty members, will attend in a body.

J. M. Hoover, Food Specialist, Here. Jessie M. Hoover, nutrition specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture, conferred today with members of the home economics extension staff here. Plans were made for increasing the scope of child nutrition work which the University is carrying on in various parts of Missouri, especially in those counties having home demonstration agents.

Child Dies of Influenza. The 11-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, of Ashland was buried in the New Salem Baptist Church cemetery Thursday morning. The death was caused by influenza.

Two Men to the Penitentiary. Sheriff T. Fred Whitesides left this morning to take Turner Nevins and Boone Baker, convicted on a grand larceny charge, to the penitentiary at Jefferson City.

Huntsville Child Dies of Influenza. The 3 1/2-year-old child of J. J. Jacobs of Huntsville died this morning of influenza. Burial will be at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Midway Church.

PRESIDENT ANSWERS RAILROAD WORKERS

Submits a Proposal Which Will Lead to Further Negotiations.

2,000,000 AFFECTED It Is Believed That Wilson Refused 40 Per Cent Wage Increase.

By RALPH H. COUCH (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—President Wilson today handed the representatives of two million railroad workers his decision on their wage demands and at the same time submitted to them a proposal which would lead to further negotiations, it was stated authoritatively at the White House today.

It is generally believed President Wilson refused the demands of the railroad unions for a 40 per cent increase in wages.

What constituted the counter-proposal of the President was not disclosed.

Immediately after seeing Wilson, Timothy Shea, president of the brotherhood of railroad firemen, and J. E. Manyon and Bert M. Jewell, head of the American Federation of Labor department of railroads, met with the representatives of the fourteen railroad unions. This meeting lasted only a few minutes.

Then the union men went to the American Federation of Labor headquarters. The meeting of railroad men, at which the representatives of the fourteen railroad unions are expected to frame a reply to Wilson's proposal, will meet there. This reply they hope to send to the White House today. It will be made public about the same time President Wilson's proposal tomorrow.

"We shall give careful consideration to the President's statement and advise him on our position later," said Shea, a member of the committee. Union leaders refused to say whether the President had granted them the increase asked. The committee was with the President only fifteen minutes.

THIRD DISTRICT FIGHT ENDS Voters Will Give Decision Tomorrow — Fight Based on League.

By United Press.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Feb. 13.—Stirred by national party leaders, campaigners put the final touches on the third congressional district fight today. Tomorrow the voters will give their decision.

Both parties sent quantities of literature on the League of Nations into the district.

John E. Frost, Republican, and Captain J. L. Milligan, Democrat, are the candidates. Senator Johnson of California was the leader for the anti-league agitation and Attorney General Palmer lead the pro-league workers.

The district is nominally Democratic by 2,000.

The national parties expect to get indications on League sentiment by tomorrow's election.

MISS DANGERFIELD NO BETTER Four Students Discharged From the Hospital and Three Admitted.

The condition of Miss Eleanor Dangerfield was reported critical at Parker Memorial Hospital today. Miss Dangerfield has been ill ten days.

Dwight Clark, Herbert Spencer and Harold Trowbridge were admitted to the hospital yesterday afternoon. The following men were discharged: Harry Simpson, Chu Hsalo, B. B. Thomas and Meryl White.

Mrs. Ida C. Hussey, 716 Missouri avenue, who has been a patient at the hospital for a week, is improving.

FATHER OF H. B. GOETZ DIES Columbian Goes to Paris to Attend Funeral of Parent.

H. B. Goetz has gone to Paris, Mo., to attend the funeral of his father, E. G. Goetz, who died very unexpectedly Tuesday. Besides Mr. Goetz, he is survived by three daughters: Mrs. G. W. Hittner of James City, Pa.; Mrs. H. P. Ragland of Jefferson City; and Mrs. J. Y. Branam of Paris. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

ROSIE LEE TENISON DIES Pneumonia Following Influenza Causes Death of 2-Year-Old Girl.

Rosie Lee Tenison, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Tenison, died at the country home, five miles south of Columbia, yesterday afternoon. Pneumonia following influenza was the cause of the child's death.

Burial was at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the old Union cemetery.

Family Reunion at Woods Home. There was a family reunion held at the old Woods home south of Sturgeon today and the following guests attended: W. W. Woods, Joseph Woods, T. N. Woods of Cyrt, Okla., and Mrs. J. Harbold of North Platte, Neb.

HAVE VALENTINE POSTOFFICE

Elementary School Children Made Many Tokens for Each Other.

A very minute postoffice was the medium of exchange for big red hearts and small white envelopes, containing messages of love, in the kindergarten of the Elementary School this morning. From behind a businesslike window Samuel Braden, postmaster, distributed valentines which small girls and boys had left for each other.

From a large box covered with hearts and cupid, with a big, red, heart-shaped lid outlined in lace paper, more than a hundred hand-made valentines were distributed to the children of the Elementary School this afternoon.

"Roses are red and violets are blue," with similar sentiments was traced in red crayon on many variously shaped valentines. Each child made valentines for the two others whose names he drew.

PAGEANT MARCH 11

400 Will Take Part In Depicting History of Missouri.

The production of a masque and pageant of Missouri history, to be given March 11, was announced this afternoon at a meeting of the Commercial Club finance committee, representatives of the University, and Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary of the Missouri State Historical Society. This is the first centennial of any official state life of Missouri.

Plans for the pageant have been presented. A thousand different costumes will be used, and four hundred persons will take part, many of whom will be University students.

The pageant will represent the history of Missouri in a prologue, five historical episodes and a masque. The theme of the whole will be the motto, from the state seal, "Let the Safety of the People Be the Supreme Law." In the prologue time and the Missouri River will speak prophetically of the commonwealth to be developed. The spirits of the hills and waters will celebrate in dances their possession of land, but will shrink back at the approach of civilization.

Then will come the Spanish adventurers lured by the spirit of gold. With the coming of religion and trade a vision of Missouri appears. The prologue will be followed by five realistic historical scenes: The Founding of Ste. Genevieve, The Louisiana Purchase, The Admission of Missouri to Statehood, The Mexican War, and The Civil War.

The period from the Civil War to 1920 will be represented in a masque, the first part of which shows all the world bringing to Missouri, at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, the fruits of peace. Part two will show Missouri forsaking peace, furnishing men and leadership, with other states of the union to the world war.

Between episodes the tapestry of the years will be illuminated into which time is weaving the history of the state.

The stage picture will be gorgeous, lighting effects novel and the dances symbolic and interpretative.

The pageant is pre-eminently Missourian from the writing to the direction.

The morning of March 11 will be given to a business meeting of the Historical Society, and a luncheon at the Daniel Boone Tavern, after which talks on Missouri's history will be given.

A book of the pageant will be produced, and distributed among the audience, explaining the pageant as it goes along.

COKER GETS 4 YEARS IN PEN Wooden Checks Make Real Trouble for Man.

Circuit Court met at 7 o'clock this morning and disposed of a few minor cases. In the case against Clarence Coker, the plea of not guilty was withdrawn and the plea of guilty entered to the second count of check forgery. The first count was dismissed. He was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary.

Court adjourned until 10 o'clock March 2, when the remaining cases from the January docket will be taken up.

TWO PRIZES OFFERED CHILDREN Local Merchants Are Donors For Best Essays on New U. S. Army.

Interest is being shown among Columbia school children in the essay contest in the United States government about the army. The Parker Furniture Company has offered a \$5 gold piece and the C. E. Miller Shoe Company, a pair of shoes.

Sergt. V. C. McCall, in charge of the local recruiting office, says that a number of schoolchildren have already been to his office to obtain literature regarding the new army.

Mrs. Everett Crane Dies. Mrs. Everett Crane, 36 years old, died at her home nine miles south of Columbia this morning from a complication of influenza and pneumonia. Burial will be at Liberty, at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Valentines Fill Mail Bags. A load of valentines coming through the mail over both the Katy and the Wabash railroads caused the mail carriers in Columbia to get a late start on their routes today. Many of them did not leave the postoffice until nearly 11 o'clock this morning.

PEACE TREATY NEARS RATIFICATION BY U. S.

To Adjust American International Relations and Appoint Envoys.

WON'T TRY THEM American Troops Will Not Be Sent Overseas to Guard Plebiscites.

By HUGH BAILEY (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Peace Treaty is nearer ratification today than at any time since it was brought before the Senate, in the belief of officials here today. Several definite things are already being considered.

First there will be a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing for the purpose of arranging details incident to American representatives, taking their place in the League of Nations council and assembly.

Another matter to be taken up by this conference is the adjusting of American international relations so as to appoint diplomatic representatives to the League council.

When American representatives to the League council and assembly have been chosen, the American policy with regard to punishment of German war guilty, accepting of mandates and the furnishing of troops to plebiscites will be made public.

The policy of this country will not allow America to be a participant in the trial of the former kaiser and other German war guilty, it is generally believed. Other league members will be advised that sending of American troops overseas to guard plebiscites will not be looked upon with favor in America, hence they will not call on America to take part.

Leaders Dodging Responsibility. By L. C. MARTIN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Opposing leaders in the treaty fight today were passing to the other side the responsibility of ratification or failure of the treaty when it comes up in open Senate.

Senator Hitchcock said he is going to let Lodge do the leading, but gave no indication that the Democrats would follow.

Lodge said he and twenty other Republicans have prepared amendments to the reservations which, if some Democrats will vote for, will assure the ratification of the treaty.

To Propose Article X Change. By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Senator Hitchcock said the Democrats are going to submit a definite proposal on Article X about which President Wilson has been consulted. The proposal, it is understood will be based on Taft's reservations.

FLEE TO THE HAGUE

Duke of Hesse and 8 Other Germans Seek Political Refuge There.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 13.—The Grand Duke of Hesse and eight other Germans named in the Allied list of war guilty have arrived in the Hague and are seeking political refuge. Several generals are included in the German party.

Notes to Germany and Holland. By United Press.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The council of premiers entered session to continue discussion of Holland's refusal to grant the Allied request for the extradition of the former kaiser and Germany's attitude in refusing to surrender the list of war guilty.

The council drafted two notes: one to Holland on its refusal and the other to Germany. The notes will probably be completed today.

Re-Opens Kaiser Discussion. By United Press.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The Allied note to Germany over the delivery of war guilty sent by the council of premiers in London "opens a gate to new discussions," according to information in French circles.

JOHN WEEDEN, ASHLAND, DIES Pneumonia Fatal to Man of 24 Years.

John Weedon, 24 years old, died Wednesday at his home near Ashland. Death was caused by pneumonia which followed influenza. Burial was in the New Salem Baptist Church cemetery at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. Funeral services were conducted by the S. S. Keith. Besides his parents, he leaves a wife and two sons.